

#SexWorkersAtAIDS2018

23rd - 27th July

Networking Zone,
Global Village,
RAI Amsterdam

SEX WORKER NETWORKING ZONE

The Sex Worker Networking Zone is a daily programme of events showcasing sex worker-led groups and organisations from around the world



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Monday 23rd July

10.30am - 11.30am

Introduction to the global and regional sex worker-led networks

The global network (NSWP) and regional networks (APNSW, ASWA, CSWC, ICRSE, PLAPERTS, SWAN) will give a short overview of their structure and work.

Tuesday 24th July

10.30am - 11.30am

Proud: sex work policy changes in the Netherlands

Members of Proud will give an overview of proposed new legislation in the Netherlands, which will increase criminalisation of sex work and third parties.

2pm - 3pm

STRASS France: *Our Crossings are Stronger than your Borders*

A performance by sex workers from a variety of backgrounds covering sex work, criminalisation and resistance. Followed by a Q&A.

4pm - 5pm

APNSW: Sex Work, Rights and Sex Worker's Fights in the Asia Pacific

A panel discussion with speakers from China, Indonesia, Myanmar and the NSWP regional network on the situation for sex workers in the Asia Pacific.

Wednesday 25th July

10.30am - 11.30am

Best Practices Policy Project: Sharmus Outlaw

BPPP will use this session to speak about Sharmus Outlaw, a sex worker leader from the USA who passed away in 2016.

2pm - 3pm

Sex Workers Academy Africa

Kenya Sex Workers Alliance will present learning from the SWAA, a groundbreaking learning programme led by and for sex workers from across Africa.

4pm - 5pm

Red Umbrella Fund: presentation and Q&A

The Red Umbrella Fund is a unique activist-led fund by and for sex workers. This session will introduce the Fund, and explain the current Call for Applications (open until 31st July). The session will be followed by a Q&A.

Thursday 26th July

10.30am - 11.30am

Legallife Ukraine: documentary screening and discussion

Legallife Ukraine will host a screening of a new documentary – 'The Job' – which was produced in 2018. It tells the stories of 3 sex workers from their own perspective, and shows the need for decriminalisation of sex work in Ukraine. The screening will be followed by a discussion.

2pm - 3pm

SWOP USA: Impact of SESTA on US Sex Workers' Vulnerability to HIV.

This session will discuss the impact of FOSTA-SESTA, which was signed into law in the USA in April. It will discuss how local and national sex worker organisations have been organising to provide resources for sex workers, and engage policy makers about the negative impacts of the law.

4pm - 5pm

23 years of decriminalisation of sex work in New South Wales

A panel discussion on the role of sex worker advocacy in achieving decriminalisation of sex work in New South Wales (introduced in 1995). The session will be followed by an audience discussion.

Friday 27th July

10.30am - 11.30am

STRASS France: Sex Workers Speak Out!

An interactive debate and short film screenings on the intersection of stigma, discrimination and criminalisation of migration, trans identities, HIV positive status and sex work.